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27 January 1970

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LETTER NO.

IEG/MSD-179/70

TO : Executive Director, NPIC

FROM: Chief, MSD/IEG/NPIC

ATTN THROUGH: Chief, IEG/NPIC

SUBJECT: SS-9 Variants Committee

REFERENCE: [redacted] dated 9 December 69

In accordance with your suggestion that a small group of analysts representing FMSAC, OSR, and IEG be formed to monitor and evaluate all information pertaining to SS-9 variants, the following analysts have been selected to serve as a focal point on such matters.

Both FMSAC and OSR agree that a continuous effort should be made in evaluating pertinent information regarding this subject. A review of new information will be conducted on a bi-weekly basis.

*Will keep you posted on progress*  
*THP 1/29*

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*Thank s. The two should not be shy about soliciting the interest of other experts - electronics etc. - from time to time. Also should not be shy about trying on imaginative new approaches.*

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11/5- 5. Identifying Soviet Offensive Missile Capability

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This morning JJH wrote the following note to [ ] "We now have in prospect three new kinds of payload delivery systems -- FOB's, SS-9, MRV and SS-11 MRV -- to worry about in terms of deployment. Do you and [ ] have an imaginative young (or old) man who could put his head together with an OSR type and a FMSAC type to come up with a spectrum of possible clues for identifying silos (or groups) in which these new systems are (or will be) deployed? See also Surveyor of 30 October, Item 2."

11/12- 2. Identifying Soviet Offensive Missile Capability

We received a response from IEG to the JJH note of 11/4 (see Item 11/5-5).

[ ] in his memo to [ ] had suggested that we put our heads together with OSR and FMSAC to come up with a spectrum of possible clues for identifying new Soviet offensive missiles. [ ] in his response pointed out that there has been on-going effort that they propose to hold a seminar involving OSR FMSAC, IAS and IEG analysts, to review available evidence.

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11/13- 5. Identifying Soviet Offensive Missile Capability

JJH reviewed the [ ] memo sent to him yesterday entitled "Search for Soviet ICBM Payload Variants." In this memo [ ] had suggested that a seminar be set up with CIA and DIA analysts on this topic. Today [ ] wrote a note back to [ ] as follows: "Ok. Move on with the seminar but what can be done now about [ ] coverage needed."

12/1 4. Soviet Offensive Missile Systems Symposium

We received from [ ] today a memo describing the symposium held in IEG on 25 November to examine possible indicators of the Soviet SS-9 missile which may give clues to the different types of payloads. At the symposium there were representatives from IEG, FMSAC, IAS, OSR and DIAPP-3. No clear-cut indicators suggesting or negating the presence of SS-9 variants could be identified although there were areas suggested for continuing analysis. Additional [ ] coverage was suggested for various launch sites at TT and at four deployed ICBM complexes. In a note from [ ] he stated that these recommendations for coverage will be tabled at ICRS well in advance of the next [ ]

12/10 12. Soviet Offensive Missiles Symposium

JJH reviewed a 28 November memo from IEG entitled "Symposium on SS-9 Variants." This was the Symposium held at JJH's request to look into possible new signatures on the various types of Soviet offensive missiles. In a covering bucksliip note back to [ ] JJH stated: "A good start, but I continue to feel that useful (applicable) progress will most likely derive from a concentration of effort and responsibility in three or four designated persons -- one from IEG, one from FMSAC."